

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on July 18, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 22-23, 25-30, and 32-40 (hereafter renumbered as 1-17).
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Farzad E. Amini, Reg. No. 42,261 on August 18, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Amendment to the Title

2. In the title, please replace "REPLACEMENT FIELDS" with --REPLACEMENT AND HISTORY FIELDS--. The final title should read --BRANCH PREDICTOR WITH SATURATING COUNTER AND LOCAL BRANCH HISTORY TABLE WITH ALGORITHM FOR UPDATING REPLACEMENT AND HISTORY FIELDS OF MATCHING TABLE ENTRIES--

Amendments to the Claims

3. Regarding claim 22:
 - a) In line 6, insert a comma after "accepts".
 - b) In line 7, insert a comma after "input".
 - c) In line 8, insert a comma after "produces".
 - d) In line 8, insert a comma after "output".

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- e) In line 12, replace “a matching entry” with --the matching entry--.
- 4. Regarding claim 27:
 - a) In line 9, replace “includes at” with --includes (1) at--.
 - b) In line 11, replace “hit and combinational” with --hit, and (2) combinational--.
 - c) In line 12, insert a comma after “implement”.
 - d) In line 12, insert a comma after “memory”.
 - e) In the 3rd to last line, replace “incorrect, indicating that the entry was used to make a prediction, and” with --incorrect and--.
- 5. Regarding claim 35:
 - a) In line 10, insert a comma after “generating”.
 - b) In line 11, insert a comma after “memory”.
 - c) In line 12, delete “the outputs of”.
 - d) In line 13, replace “the LBHP logic” with --the output of the LBHP logic--.
- 6. Regarding claim 40:
 - a) In line 8, insert a comma after “produces”.
 - b) In line 8, insert a comma after “output”.

Drawings

- 7. Now that the application has been allowed, formal drawings, including any corrections required by the draftsman (see attached notice of drawing review), must be submitted.

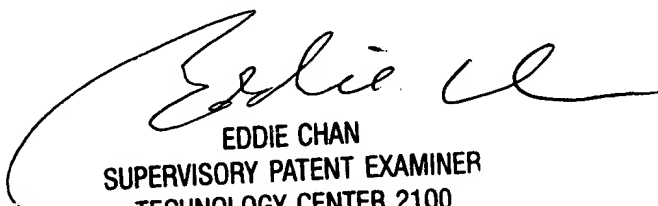
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David J. Huisman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4168. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie Chan can be reached on (571) 272-4162. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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